

CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT

Promoting Renewable Energy Sources

- ◆ **Authored a bipartisan comprehensive package of energy efficiency tax incentives:** The *Expanding Building Efficiency Incentives Act* (H.R. 4226) extends and expands five key energy efficiency incentives for the construction of a new home, retrofitting an existing one, upgrading commercial properties to conserve energy and cut energy costs, and assisting consumers seeking assessments of home energy usage
- ◆ **Helped introduce bipartisan legislation in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill:** The *Offshore Drilling Safety Improvement Act* will amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that all oil and gas drilling and production operations on the Outer Continental Shelf have safety and environmental management systems in place and that such equipment uses the best available and safest technologies. (H.R. 5634)
- ◆ **Promoted plug-in hybrid electric vehicles:** A provision authored by Congressman Reichert, passed the House and will institute a pilot program studying plug-in hybrid electric vehicles effects on the national energy grid. (H.R. 445, 9/9/09)
- ◆ **Lead Ways & Means cosponsor** of a measure to provide a tax incentive for the development of algae-based biofuels (HR 5142, 5/25/10)
- ◆ **Coauthored legislation** to provide a bonus R&D tax credit for efforts to develop new energy technology (H.R. 2438, 5/14/09)
- ◆ **Coauthored legislation** to provide a residential tax credit for the installation of micro-combined heat and power systems, which help consumers save on energy bills by making more efficient use of wasted energy in their homes. The bill levels the playing field and offers the same tax credit for Micro-CHP that is currently available for residential solar and wind power technologies (HR 2328, 5/7/09)
- ◆ **Coauthored** the *Plastics Recycling Act*, which incentivizes the production of new energy resources from waste plastics (HR 3592, 9/17/09)